

Cemetery Board

May 20, 2009 - 5:40 p.m. – Minutes 149 Dartmouth Street, New Bedford

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PRESENT - Judith Downey, Chairperson

Carol Grimes Maria Quann Egidio Mello

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING -- May 20, 2009

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER 5:45 P.M.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

VOTED: Carol Grimes nominate Judith Downey Chairperson of the Cemetery Board – seconded by Maria

Quann. All in favor

VOTED: Motion by Maria Quann seconded by Judith Downey for the nomination of Carol Grimes

Secretary of Cemetery Board. All in favor

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES by the newly – elected Chairman.

- a) Rules and Regulations Committee
 - 1. Carol Grimes
 - 2. Maria Ouann
 - 3. Egidio Mello
- b) Finance Committee
 - 1. Egidio Mello
 - 2. Maria Quann
 - 3. Carol Grimes

ADOPTION OF THE SAME RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT WERE IN FORCE DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR, FOR THE ENSUING YEAR ENDING MAY 2010

VOTED:

Motion made by Carol Grimes seconded by Maria Quann to adopt the same rules and regulations for the ensuing year. All in favor.

5.Adjournment

VOTED: Motion made by Carol Grimes seconded by Egidio Mello to adjourn the organizational meeting

at 5:50 P.M. All in favor.

Regular meeting of the Cemetery Board to follows:

Meeting called to order at 5:50 P.M. by Chairperson Judith Downey:

Present:

Linda Morad, Councilor Ward I Sandra Manning, Office Manager Jose Perez, Working Foreman Pine Grove Cemetery

VOTED:

Motion by Carol Grimes seconded Egidio Mello to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in favor

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CEMETERY BOARD - May 20, 2009

That Certificates be issued for lots/graves sold with perpetual care to:

RURAL CEMETERY:

Valentina Gomes, Lot 369 Section D Premium: \$2,340.00

Mary Jo Lopes, Grave 26 Section 203: \$780.00

Ernesto L. Medeiros, Lot 371 Section D Premium: \$4,680.00

Dilia M. Melo, Lot 400 Section 204: \$1,950.00 Mary Rezendes, Grave 11 Section 203: \$780.00

Brenda Rapoza, Lot 326 Section D Premium: \$2,340.00

Damaris Torres, Grave 27 Section 203: \$780.00 Rosa M. Torres, Grave 21 Section 203: \$780.00

PINE GROVE CEMETERY:

Sandra Humphreys, Grave 67 Section 25: \$780.00

Maria Luiz, Lot 754 Section 24 Premium: \$2,340.00

Louise Medeiros, Lot 753 Section 24 Premium: \$2,340.00

Carolyn S. Oliveira, Grave 69 Section 25: \$780.00

Joseph P. Perry, Grave 68 Section 25: \$780.00

Zachary J. Teixeira, Grave 65 Section 25: \$780.00

VOTED:

Motion made by Egidio Mello, seconded by Carol Grimes to dispense with the reading of the certificates and approve them as submitted. All in favor.

VOTED:

Motion made by Carol Grimes seconded by Egidio Mello to take Linda Morad, Councilor Ward I out of order. All in favor.

A lengthy discussion between the Cemetery Board, Councilor Morad, and Working Foreman Perez as to the rules and regulations and implementation of said rules and regulations for the city owned cemeteries. Councilor Morad is requesting the cemetery department be more compassionate towards the lots / graves and the public involved.

VOTED:

Motion by Carol Grimes seconded Maria Quann to resume back to original meeting.

CEMETERY BOARD MEETING –May 20, 2009 FY 2009 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS / FINANCE REPORT

ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES
100 Salaries and Wages \$622,357.30

REVENUE ACCOUNTS

FY'07 RECEIPTS 7/1/08-4/30/09

FY'08 RECEIPTS 7/1/07-6/30/08

| \$55,512.00 | Sales of Lots | \$72,000.00 |
|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| \$62,085.00 | Sale of Crypts | \$79,250.00 |
| \$149,943.69 | Care of Lots | \$198,557.13 |
| \$130,733.00 | Perpetual Care Deposits | \$171,599.95 |

**Includes \$15,975 for (33) Saturday burials Overtime expenses -\$16,389.90 **Includes \$26,550.00 for (59) Saturday burials Overtime expense - \$31,362.96

The following amounts were paid to the City Auditor from the Cemetery Department general fund accounts:

200 Charges and Services - \$842.75 400 Supplies and Materials- \$3,242.52 TOTAL - \$4,085.27

VOTED:

Motion made by Carol Grimes Seconded Egidio Mello to accept finance report as submitted. All in favor.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

> Total preparation for Memorial Day.

VOTED:

Motion made by Carol Grimes, seconded by Maria Quann to accept the Superintendent Report. All in favor.

BOARD MEETING -- May 20, 2009 <u>INFORMATION REPORT</u>

Since our last meeting 15 new lots/graves were sold and lots transferred. This brings the total, for FY '09, to 118 lots/graves sold and 3 lots transferred.

Burials as of April 30, 2009

| Rural | 138 | Regular Burials | | 213 |
|-----------------|---------|-------------------|----|----------|
| Oak Grove | 9 | Welfare Burials | | 25 |
| Pine Grove | 148 | Cremation Burials | | 52 |
| Peckham West | 1 | Children Burials | | 1 |
| | | Stillborn Burials | | 1 |
| | | Entombment | | 4 |
| | | Removal | | <u>0</u> |
| Total | 296 | Total | | 296 |
| Grave boxes use | ed 185 | Vaults used | 70 | |
| Saturday | burials | 38 | | |

Cremation Burials

Rural 19 Pine Grove 22 Oak Grove 5 Peckham West 1

Communications received:

5/14/09 – Letter received regarding Grave 83 Section 25, Pine Grove Cemetery (requesting for disinterment of cremains)

VOTED:

Motion made by Carol Grimes, seconded Maria Quann to allow the disinterment of ashes All in favor Motion made by Egidio Mello, seconded by Maria Quann to accept the information report. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

- discussion in regards to the board visiting the property of St. Theresa's

VOTED:

Motion made by Carol Grimes, seconded by Egidio Mello to adjourn meeting at 7:15 P.M. All in favor.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, July 1, 2009 @ 5:30 p.m.

SECRETARY,